STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Departmental Communication

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SUBJECT: Modification of canopy policy

TO: Wetlands and Shoreland Program Staff DATE: March 11, 2004

<u>MEMO</u>

After reviewing the existing canopy policy the Bureau has determined that the existing standards for review and approval are impractical and therefore the policy has been revised to read as follows:

- 1. The installation of a single canopy shall qualify as a minimum impact project in accordance with administrative rule Wt 303.04(o) and shall be subject to the expedited review process provided the following criteria are met:
 - a. The canopy shall be made of fabric and shall be removed during the non-boating season and;
 - b. The canopy shall not have side walls and;
 - c. The canopy shall be constructed so as to minimize the obstruction of views from adjacent properties and;
 - d. The canopy shall not create a hazard to boating or swimming and;
 - e. The canopy dimensions shall not exceed 14 feet in width, 30 feet in length, and 20 feet in height above the normal high water elevation and;
 - f. The canopy shall be the only canopy on the frontage and;
 - g. The filing fee shall be the \$100 minimum fee.
- 2. The installation of more than one canopy, or a canopy larger than 14 feet x 30 feet x 20 feet, shall be evaluated according to the classification of the existing docking facility which is to be modified by the installation of the canopy(ies). The filing fee in those cases shall be \$100 plus \$0.50 per sq ft of canopy area. In addition to items a. through g. above, applicants requesting canopies larger 14 feet x 30 feet x 20 feet, or multiple canopies on the same frontage, shall provide:
 - a. A demonstration of need for the larger dimensions (watercraft size alone shall not satisfy the demonstration of need); and
 - b. Evidence that the proposed canopy(ies) will not have a negative impact on the views from abutting properties.

Effective immediately.